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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR U.S. TO HOST COLOMBO PLAN CONSULTATIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING IN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1978

REF: (A) COLOMBO 3016; (B) COLOMBO 1220; (C) COLOMBO A-028

1. EMBASSY HAS NOT RECEIVED RESPONSE TO REFTEL (A) DESPITE REQUEST FROM DIRECTOR OF COLOMBO PLAN BUREAU (CPB) FOR DECISION WITHIN ONE MONTH. THE DIRECTOR OF CPB NOW ADVISES THAT A NEGATIVE RESPONSE FROM THE U.S. MAY RESULT IN CANCELLATION OF THE 1978 CONSULTATIVE MEETING SINCE INSUFFICIENT TIME REMAINS TO SECURE ANOTHER HOST BEFORE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IN KATHMANDU (NOV. 29 - DEC. 7).
2. IF THIS HAPPENS, THIS WOULD BE THE SECOND TIME IN THREE YEARS THAT THE U.S. HAS SCUTTLED THE CONFERENCE. WE WITHDREW OUR OFFER TO HOST THE 1976 CONFERENCE AND FORCED ITS CANCELLATION DUE TO LACK OF TIME TO FIND AN ALTERNATIVE SITE.
3. THE ASIAN MEMBERS OF THE COLOMBO PLAN REGARD IT AS A USEFUL FORUM FOR REGIONAL COORDINATION AND FOR PRESENTING THEIR CONCERNS TO THE DONOR NATIONS. ALTHOUGH THE PLAN IS NOT HIGHLY

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RELEVANT TO THE OPERATIONS OF U.S. ASSISTANCE, IT DOES SERVE U.S. INTERESTS IN PROMOTING REGIONAL COOPERATION AND PROVIDES A VEHICLE FOR PURSUING SPECIFIC AIMS SUCH AS THE NARCOTICS PROGRAM. THE U.S. HOSTED THE CONFERENCE ONCE IN 1958 AND MOST OTHER MEMBERS HAVE HOSTED IT TWICE. AS A MEMBER, WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO HOST THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE WHEN IT IS OUR TURN.

4. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THE U.S. HOST THE 1978 MEETING
AND URGE THE DEPARTMENT TO RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY. WE SUGGEST
THE EAST-WEST CENTER IN HAWAII AS A FAVORABLE SITE FOR THE
1978 MEETING.

5. ADVISE ASAP.
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